Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have started a new and exciting spelling programme with the children in Years 2-6. In this spelling programme, they will be learning spelling rules, phonics rules and finding ways of remembering common exception words (words that cannot be sounded out) with us in class. The spellings that they will be learning in class will be sent out the week before as homework so that the children get a chance to come up with some strategies themselves. The common exception words will be repeated until the children are consistently spelling them correctly in their writing. All children will now be getting the same spellings so that we can ensure they are fluent and can use the words effectively. The spellings are all age appropriate and the challenge will come in the form of the application outlined below.

Ways to practice their spellings:

1. The children should look at the word, then say it, then cover it, then write it whilst saying the letter/sounds out loud and then check to see if they are correct.
2. The children should then write each spelling into a sentence showing their understanding of each word.

Optional Challenge:
The children can then try and write a silly story that contains the spellings for that week. If they want to challenge themselves even further they can write a silly story that contains the spellings for the week that they are on and all of the previous weeks to keep all of the spellings fresh in their minds.

There will be an example of this on your homework sheets this week.

If you have any further questions regarding the spelling programme or how to challenge/assist your child further with their homework, please come and see me and I will be happy to help.

Miss Holmes
English Leader